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SUBJ: HAWAII DELEGATION VISIT

REF: STATE'S 255600

1. HAWAIIAN DELEGATION SPENT BRIEF BUT CONSTRUCTIVE WEEKEND
IN QUEENSLAND DURING THEIR CURRENT TOUR.

2. ON SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 27, GROUP WAS MET AT AIRPORT BY
MINISTER FOR TOURISM, MAX HODGES, AND HIS STAFF, AUSTRALIAN
TOURISM COMMISSION AND CONSOFF. CONSOFF SUBSEQUENTLY
PARTICIPATED IN THREE HOUR WORKING LUNCH HOSTED BY TOURISM
BUREAU WHICH INCLUDED EXTENSIVE QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION.
BOTH SIDES PROVIDED DETAILED AND FRANK ASSESSMENTS OF THEIR
RESPECTIVE TOURISM ISTUATION WHICH IN A SENSE ARE COMPETITIVE
IN THAT THEY ARE BOTH ATTEMPTING TO ATTRACT THE AUSTRALIAN
TOURIST AND HIS DOLLAR. IT SHOULD ALSO BE NOTED THAT QUEEN-
SLAND TOURISM OFFICIALS HAD SUBMITTED FOURTEEN PAGE WRITTEN
RESPONSE TO QUESTIONS PREVIOUSLY REQUESTED BY DELEGATION.
ON SUNDAY, GROUP WENT BY BUS TO GOLD COAST, AUSTRALIA'S
TOURIST MECCA, WHERE THEY WERE AGAIN HOSTED TO A WORKING
LUNCH BY THE CITY COUNCIL.

3. AMONG TOURIST ATTRACTIONS VISITED BY GROUP WERE KOALA
SANCTUARY, BIRD SANCTUARY, OCEAN AQUARIUM AND TROPICAL FRUIT
PLANTATION.

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